

Introduced by Senator Fuller

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An act to amend Section 23502 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 673, as introduced, Fuller. Energy: planning and forecasting.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prepare an integrated energy policy report every 2 years.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25302 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:
3 25302. (a) Beginning November 1, 2003, and every two years
4 thereafter, the commission shall adopt an integrated energy policy
5 report. This integrated report shall contain an overview of major
6 energy trends and issues facing the state, including, but not limited
7 to, supply, demand, pricing, reliability, efficiency, and impacts on
8 public health and safety, the economy, resources, and the
9 environment. Energy markets and systems shall be grouped and
10 assessed in three subsidiary volumes:
11 (1) Electricity and natural gas markets.
12 (2) Transportation fuels, technologies, and infrastructure.

1 (3) Public interest energy strategies.

2 (b) The commission shall compile the integrated energy policy
3 report prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) by consolidating the
4 analyses and findings of the subsidiary volumes in paragraphs (1),
5 (2), and (3) of subdivision (a). The integrated energy policy report
6 shall present policy recommendations based on an ~~in-depth~~ *in-depth*
7 and integrated analysis of the most current and pressing energy
8 issues facing the state. The analyses supporting ~~this~~ *the* integrated
9 energy policy report shall explicitly address interfuel and
10 intermarket effects to provide a more informed evaluation of
11 potential tradeoffs when developing energy policy across different
12 markets and systems.

13 (c) The integrated energy policy report shall include an
14 assessment and forecast of system reliability and the need for
15 resource additions, efficiency, and conservation that considers all
16 aspects of energy industries and markets that are essential for the
17 state economy, general welfare, public health and safety, energy
18 diversity, and protection of the environment. This assessment shall
19 be based on determinations made pursuant to this chapter.

20 (d) Beginning November 1, 2004, and every two years thereafter,
21 the commission shall prepare an energy policy review to update
22 analyses from the integrated energy policy report prepared pursuant
23 to subdivisions (a), (b), and (c), or to raise energy issues that have
24 emerged since the release of the integrated energy policy report.
25 The commission may also periodically prepare and release
26 technical analyses and assessments of energy issues and concerns
27 to provide timely and relevant information for the Governor, the
28 Legislature, market participants, and the public.

29 (e) In preparation of the *integrated energy policy* report, the
30 commission shall consult with the following entities: the Public
31 Utilities Commission, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, the State
32 Air Resources Board, the Electricity Oversight Board, the
33 Independent System Operator, the Department of Water Resources,
34 the California Consumer Power and Conservation Financing
35 Authority, the Department of Transportation, and the Department
36 of Motor Vehicles, and any federal, state, and local agencies it
37 deems necessary in preparation of the ~~integrated energy policy~~
38 report. To assure collaborative development of state energy
39 policies, these agencies shall make a good faith effort to provide

1 data, assessment, and proposed recommendations for review by
2 the commission.

3 (f) The commission shall provide the report to the Public
4 Utilities Commission, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, the State
5 Air Resources Board, the Electricity Oversight Board, the
6 Independent System Operator, the Department of Water Resources,
7 the California Consumer Power and Conservation Financing
8 Authority, and the Department of Transportation. For the purpose
9 of ensuring consistency in the underlying information that forms
10 the foundation of energy policies and decisions affecting the state,
11 those entities shall carry out their energy-related duties and
12 responsibilities based upon the information and analyses contained
13 in the report. If an entity listed in this subdivision objects to
14 information contained in the report, and has a reasonable basis for
15 that objection, the entity shall not be required to consider that
16 information in carrying out its energy-related duties.

17 (g) The commission shall make the report accessible to state,
18 local, and federal entities and to the general public.